Articles Eſtabliſhed by the moſt Excellent Magiſtracy of Reviſors and Regulators of the Publick Revenue in the Exchequer at Venice, *and approved by the Senate the 5th of* March, 1693.

In matter of Erecting a Profitable Adventure for the Fortunate, of One hundred and fifty thouſand Tickets or Bolletines of two Ducats each.

4. Sept. 1693.

MARCH the 9th 1693.

BEing to eſtabliſh juſt Rules for the carrying on, and effecting a Profitable Adventure for the Fortunate, decreed by the moſt excellent Senate the 20th of *December* paſt, the following eſtabliſhed Articles are publiſhed by the Magiſtracy of the moſt excellent Reviſors and Regulators of the Publick Revenues in the Exchequer, and approved by the Senate the 5th Inſtant.

THat there ſhall be put up an Adventure containing One hundred and fifty thouſand Tickets, or Bolletines, to be taken out in three Months time by all perſons whatſoever, as well Subjects as Strangers, paying two Duckets for each Ticket or Bolletine, which three Months ſhall begin from the day of publiſhing.

To this Effect, a Booth ſhall be built in St. *Mark's* place, wherein ſhall ſit a Magiſtrate deputed for this Undertaking, who ſhall ſubſcribe and number the Tickets, or Bolletines, that ſhall be given out to any Perſon or Perſons, and ſhall anſwer to the Name or Sentence each Perſon ſhall pleaſe to add to the Number (if they ſhall think fit to add any) for their further ſatisfaction; And this ſhall likewiſe be noted in the printed Books to be made for this purpoſe only, ſo that they ſhall particularly anſwer each Bolletine or Ticket of the ſaid Undertaking, and ſhall be delivered to whom ever ſhall pay the two Ducats.

There ſhall be ſent a proportion of Tickets and Books to the *Terra Firma*, for the eaſier and ſooner effecting the ſaid Undertaking, where the ſame method ſhall be uſed as in *Venice*, and at the time expired the Books and Monies ſhall be ſent to *Venice* to the Perſons appointed for the keeping of each.

The Money which ſhall be received by the Payments for the ſaid Tickets, ſhall be kept in a Cheſt by it ſelf by the Perſon appointed, to be punctually paid to thoſe who ſhall have the benefitted Tickets.

As ſoon as the 150000 Tickets are compleated, there ſhall be the like number of Tickets printed and numbred, that ſhall anſwer to thoſe that ſhall have been given out, and alſo the Notes of the Books, which Tickets ſhall be locked up in a Veſſel or Urn, in the preſence of the moſt excellent Aſſiſtants deputed to overſee the drawing; and this ſhall be kept by the ſaid Aſſiſtants, ſo that there ſhall be no fear of Alteration, or any Cheat imaginable.

There ſhall alſo be prepared the like number of Blank Tickets, among which ſhall be the Four hundred and ten benefitted Tickets, as hereunder declared, and ſhall be put in another Veſſel or Urn, and thoſe, as well as the others numbred, ſhall be put each of them into an Iron Box, and the day ſhall be appointed to begin to draw them, which ſhall be publickly proclaimed, and continue daily and publick in the Hall of the moſt Serene great Councel, always with the aſſiſtance of thoſe that ſhall be decreed for it.

The benefitted Tickets that ſhall be put in the ſaid Veſſel, and printed with the ſame, declared thereon, ſhall from time to time as they are drawn, be noted (by a Secretary) with their numbers in a Book kept apart for that purpoſe; which Note ſhall be underwrit by one of the Aſſiſtants at the drawing, the ſaid Book to be kept and ſhewed in publick or private.

The Money of the benefitted Tickets to be paid to them or their lawful Repreſentatives, and immediately to whomſoever ſhall preſent the Tickets given out the following day that they ſhall have been ſo fortunate; and this Money ſhall not be liable to be ſtop't or ſequeſtred by any pretence whatſoever in Law, or the like, either publick or private, and this by a particular Priviledge. This alſo ſhall extend to diſcharge the Allowance that by the Publick ſhall be paid to the Regiſter.

The Benefitted Tickets are to be

	Ducats.
1 For	25000
1	20000
1	15000
1	10000
6 For 5000 each	30000
6 For 2000 each	12000
8 For 1500 each	12000
12 For 1000 each	12000
24 For 500 each	12000
150 For 200 each	30000
200 For 100 each	20000
And to the first Ticket that shall be drawn, besides the Benefit that may come out with it,	1000
And also Ducats	1000.

To the first Ticket that shall be drawn after the last benefitted Ticket shall come up; and if it shall happen that the last benefitted Ticket should be the last drawn, the 1000 shall be paid besides the Benefit.

And if in the abovementioned time, the whole number of Tickets be not compleated, the Draught shall yet be made for those that are put in, and the Benefits proportioned to the number of the Tickets, a diligent Calculate being made.

Given by the Magistracy of the most excellent Revisors and Regulators of the Publick Revenue in the Exchequer, the 9th of March, 1693.

IN IMITATION now of this *Venetian* Adventure, but without the Possibility of one third of the Profit that will be got by it there, and with much more Advantage to Adventurers, *Mr. Neale* the Groom-Porter, at the special Request and Desire of many eminent Merchants, and others (so fond of the Matter, that they return Money to *Venice* to invest in those Tickets, which would never be done, if it might be on better terms here) does in the same manner propose the giving out Fifty thousand Tickets, at Ten shillings per Ticket, to be in like manner drawn at the end of Four Months, to be reckoned from the First day of this *July* 1693. or sooner, if the same shall be sooner filled up against so many Blanks, wanting only Two Hundred and Fifty, which are to be Benefitted Tickets, and in value as herein after expresst. And for the better convenience of dispensing the Tickets for the ease of the Adventurers, and for their full satisfaction that the Money laid down for these Tickets shall again be repaid them, if the Tickets should not be drawn in the time, upon giving back only their Tickets to the Goldsmiths who have signed the same; And that those to whom Fortune dispenses these Benefitted Tickets, whether absent or present, may be certainly sure accordingly to have the Money *in specie*, as herein after expresst. And that all possible fairness, in seeing the Benefitted Tickets duly put in, and duly drawn out as they ought, and every other thing done that ought to be done in this Case, wherein the method at *Venice* made use of, for signing and giving out Tickets both in City and Country, and entring of them in Books printed on purpose, and numbred just to answer the Tickets given out, for which Ten shillings apiece must be paid, shall and is truly intended to be the same as near as possible can be, that shall be made use of here; with this difference only, That whereas at *Venice* the State is to answer for the just and well-performing of all things in the Articles printed, and for so doing, is allowed above 33 *l. per Cent.* here the Groom-Porter, who sets up this Adventure, for all his Cost, Care, Pains and Management, is allowed only 10 *l. per Cent.* and no more; and in stead of Officers deputed by that Senate to manage the matter to the satisfaction of all Parties concerned, has and does hereby depute *Richard Lascells* near *Charing-Cross*, *Joseph Fells* by the *New-Exchange*, *John Coggs* against St. *Clements* Church in the *Strand*, Sir *Francis Child* and *Richard Hoare* in *Fleetstreet*, *John Johnson* in *Cheapside*, Sir *Stephen Evans*, *Thomas Williams*, *John Sweetapple*, *Will. Atwell* and *Will. Shepheard* in *Lombard-street*, *London*, Goldsmiths, their Deputy and Deputies, Receivers of all Monies to be so paid in for Tickets, and to sign and give out Tickets for the same; who have undertaken to be answerable for the Money so by them to be received, and to answer and pay the same as herein before or herein after expressed. And Sir *Benjamin Thorowgood*, Sir *Tho Vernon*, Sir *Peter Paravicine*, Sir *Joseph Hearne*, Sir *Will. Gore*, Sir *Charles Cotterell*, Sir *Will. Forrester*, *Tho Povey*, *Rob. Rawworth*, *Rich. Goodall*, *Rob. Nore*, *Will. Lowndz*, *Rob. Squib*, *Rich. Normansel*, *John Genew*, *Rob. Beningfield*, *Rich. Spencer*, *Dalby Thomas*, and *John Thwaite*, Esquires; together with the Goldsmiths before named, have been requested, and

and have undertaken to be Overſeers, Directors and Managers of the whole Affair, in which there is nothing to be ordered or done without the Concurrence of Five at leaſt of the Perſons before-named; ſo that there will be no room left to doubt of Juſtneſs and Fairneſs throughout the whole managing of it; and nothing, ever like this, was at ſo ſmall Advantage propoſed.

And to anſwer the 25000 *l.* ſo to be taken for 50000 Tickets to be given out at Ten ſhillings apiece, there will be 250 Benefitted Tickets to make up the ſaid 25000 *l.* abating 10 *per Cent.* only to be allowed for the Trouble and Charge; and as ſoon as the 50000 Tickets are given out and compleated, the Overſeers before-named ſhall meet and call for the Books, and ſee all the Money ſo placed as to be ready to be paid on demand, to ſuch Perſons or their lawful Repreſentatives as ſhall preſent the Benefitted Tickets; and the ſame ſhall be accordingly ſo paid the following day after they have been ſo fortunate; and the ſaid Overſeers ſhall then alſo appoint the Day to begin to draw theſe Tickets, which ſhall be made publick, and continue daily and publickly at Mr. *Hughes* Great Room at the Upper End of *Freemans-Yard* in *Cornhil*, *London*, with the aſſiſtance of the Overſeers till ended, which 'tis hoped may be done in two or three days.

The Benefitted Tickets are to be

In ready Money to be paid the next day when required, without any Rebate whatſoever.

1 of	3000 *l.*
1 of	2500
1 of	2000
1 of	1500
1 of	1000
1 of	500
1 of	300
1 of	200
2 of 150 *l.* each	300
50 of 100 *l.* each	5000
40 of 50 *l.* each	2000
50 of 40 *l.* each	2000
100 of 20 *l.* each	2000
And to the firſt Ticket, whether Benefitted or not that ſhall be drawn, beſides the benefit that may come out with it.	100
And to the firſt Perſon whoſe Ticket ſhall be drawn next after all the Benefitted Tickets are taken out	100

And if it ſhould happen that the laſt benefitted Ticket ſhould be the laſt drawn, the ſaid 100 *l.* ſhall be paid, beſides what may come by the ſaid Benefitted Ticket.

And if in the abovementioned time the whole number of Tickets be not compleated, the Draught ſhall yet be made for thoſe that are put in, and the Benefits proportioned to the number of Tickets, of which by the Overſeers a diligent Calculate ſhall be made.

And to farther explain the practical Part of this Matter,

Note: Books will be purpoſely printed, containing the whole number of Tickets, and of thoſe three of each Sort (as hereunder deſcribed) juſt marked and numbred alike;

No. 1. C. D. Or any other mark the Adventurers deſire may be put.	No. 1. C. D.	No. 1. C. D.
No. 2. B. F.	No. 2. B. F.	No. 2. B. F.

from which Book the outermoſt Ticket Signed by the Goldſmith ſhall be firſt cut, and given to the Perſon that ſo pays the Ten ſhillings for it; the next, which will be juſt like the Tickets given out, is to be cut, and put into a ſtrong Box, whence it is to be drawn; and then the third, juſt the ſame with the other two, will remain ſtill in the ſaid Book, ſo that to whoever Chance gives a Ticket that entitles him to a Benefit, muſt bring or ſend the ſaid Ticket to the place where the ſame ſhall be drawn, and there it muſt anſwer (to prevent all miſtakes) the Ticket of the ſame number drawn, which will likewiſe anſwer that that's left in the Book, and it ſo appearing to do, the Benefit to be forthwith delivered.

And

And now,

The better to demonstrate how this is to be drawn and done,

Note. All Tickets in the second place to be cut out of the Book, as aforesaid, just numbred and marked like those given out, are, in the presence of the Managers, to be put up into a large Glass to be sealed and lockt up in an Iron, or other strong Box, and there jumbled together, and kept so lockt up, till 'tis drawn, and the Blanks, with the 250 Benefitted Tickets in like manner, in the presence of the said Managers, are to be put into another such like Glass, to be also sealed up and lockt in another strong Box, and there to so remain, 'till drawn out, which is to be done thus:

An Oval Table is to be set in the great Room in *Freemans-Yard* in *Cornhil, London*, round which, the Managers and Clerks in order are to sit, and at one End shall be placed the Box wherein are the Tickets so numbred and markt, as aforesaid; and at the other End of the Table the other such Box, wherein are such Benefitted Tickets and Blanks, out of both which, one by one, by some Strangers, they are all to be drawn out thus:

First, From among the Tickets so numbred and markt, one shall be drawn, and then from the Blanks and Benefitted Tickets another, which is to be before all the Company opened; and if it does prove a Blank, the said Blank and numbred Ticket at the same time drawn shall without more ado be put together into a Hole in the middle of the Table for that purpose provided: But if it does prove a Benefit, that and the numbred Ticket shall be both filed up together; but first shall be noted (by the Clerk) with the said numbred Ticket at the same time drawn, in a Book kept apart for that purpose, which Note shall be underwrit by two of the Overseers then present, the said Book to be kept and shewed in publick and private, and Printed as soon as all the Tickets are drawn out, that all Persons may see to what Number each Benefit does belong, and so accordingly come for the same: And all this to prevent, as aforesaid, Mistakes; And, that no possible Suspition may remain of any foul Play in this Thing,

Note. The numbred Tickets as aforesaid, being put in one Glass, and the Blanks and Benefitted Tickets in another, the said Glasses sealed up just before the Tickets are going to be drawn, shall be took out of the strong Boxes, and shewed to the Company present, with the Numbred Tickets, Blanks and Benefitted Tickets in them, and be then shaked and jumbled together, that there may be no placing of either; which Glasses shall then afterwards be again placed in the strong Boxes, from whence all shall be drawn.

In short, whoever is any way possest of any one of these Numbred Tickets, so signed by any one of the Eleven Goldsmiths aforesaid, will this way be certain, that another such Ticket so Numbred and Marked as that he is possest of, shall for him be put in and drawn at this Adventure; where, whether absent or present, he will have an equal Chance with the rest for the Benefits proposed; and be sure that what Sum of Money soever Good Fortune this way shall design him, on produce of his Ticket that entitles him to it, shall forthwith be paid at demand, free from all Charge, or any Deduction whatever.

All Persons are desired to take Notice, That although near four Months are allowed for receiving the Money, and giving out Tickets, 'tis however intended that the same shall be drawn as soon as the Number is compleat; which is hoped before *Bartholomew*-Day.

This is thus undertaken to be done by *Thomas Neale* Esq; Groom-Porter to Their Majesties, the 10th of *July* 1693.

A COPY of the Goldsmiths Security to the Adventurers.

I *Goldsmith, Do hereby acknowledge to have received from* Tho. Neale *Esq; a Book signed and sealed by the Overseers, of Sides or Pages, on every Page of which are Printed Ten Treble Tickets, every Treble Ticket just Numbred alike, beginning with the Number and ending with the Number which I promise and oblige my self by these Presents to return to the said* Thomas Neale *undefaced, or to be accountable for* 10*s. for every Ticket cut or taken off, to the said* Thomas Neale, *and Overseers of and for this Profitable Adventure herein before named, and for the Purposes, and in manner as is also above in this Printed Paper expressed; or to the Persons who shall return me such Tickets signed by me or my Servant, if the same is not compleated and drawn according to this Printed Paper. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the day of* 1693.

Sealed and delivered in the
Presence of